



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

Message from the Mayor

Congratulations to the newly Elected Town Councilmembers!

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your victory in the recent election on behalf of the Town of Forest Heights. We value your devotion to serving the residents of Forest Heights and appreciate your hard work.

We are excited to have such a great group of people elected to serve the community. These individuals, as well as other council members, will be critical in assisting us in charting the course for discovery and laying out a new strategy for our Town.

Thank you to everyone who voted. Please join me in wishing these newly elected Town Councilmembers' success!

Mayor Calvin Washington

Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings Back In-Person and Live on

Forest Heights Facebook

Council Workshop Meeting First Monday
of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting Third Wednesday
of each Month at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022



MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 01 - 22

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING SECTION 33-3 (NUMBER; SELECTION, TERM), SECTION 33-6 (MEETINGS); SECTION 33-15 (NUMBER; SELECTION, TERM); SECTION 33-32 (ELECTION OF MAYOR); AND SECTION 33-33 (ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN); OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS TO COMMENCE AFTER THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN MARCH OF 2023; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE TERMS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE WITHIN THE TOWN GOVERNMENT.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Theresa Brownson

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Town of Forest Heights

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FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND 20745-1998
(301) 839-1030
Fax (301) 839-9236

Calvin Washington
Mayor

March 9, 2022

FOREST HEIGHTS ELECTION BOARD TALLEY SHEET

TROY LILLY – WARD I	21	TOTAL NO. WARD I 22
THERESA BROWNSON – WARD II	14	TOTAL NO. WARD II 50
JONATHAN KENNEDY II – WARD II	34	
PAULA NOBLE – WARD III	34	TOTAL NO. WARD III 37
WRITES-INS	6	
WRITES-INS NAMES	RAMIA, HAMILTON, MANN, ACCVOCCO, BROWN, VAUGHN	
ABSENTEE	7	
ILLEGAL BALLOTS	0	
TOTAL VOTE	109	

Certification of the March 9, 2022, Councilmembers Election Total of 109 Voted

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: MR. FREDDIE COLSTON

ELECTION BOARD: MRS. ELAINE PIPPINS

ELECTION BOARD: MRS. DARLENE KUNY

ELECTION LIAISON: MRS. SHERLETTA HAWKINS, TOWN CLERK



Town of Forest Heights Mosquito Control Notification

The Town of forest Heights, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, has an aggressive mosquito surveillance and spraying program in the town's neighborhoods. Spray season begins on May 26th and is anticipated to end on September 28th. Spraying will begin after dark may continue until midnight or later. You can also do your part to control the mosquito population by eliminating mosquito breeding areas on your property in places where water collects, such as trash cans, buckets, and wheelbarrows, and by changing water in kiddie pools, bird baths, and outdoor pet water bowls regularly.

Your community may or may not be sprayed each week. The frequency will be determined by surveillance data collected and complaints received. In order to determine if your community will be sprayed on its scheduled spray night, please contact our office between 2-3 pm that day. You may call or email http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx website. Spraying will commence as soon as it is dark. As a precaution, we advise residents to stay inside their homes and close their windows while the spray truck is in the vicinity, bring in any pets, and remain in the home until 30 minutes after the spray truck has passed by. If there are people outside when the truck passes by, no spray will be released and the truck will not make another pass down that street. Exemption forms are available upon request.

Community News *(continues)*

With heavy rain season approaching, it is critical to perform an annual sump pump maintenance check.

Annual maintenance check is important:

- This may require demolition of a portion of the basement floor to install the pump.
- To be effective, the sump pump needs to be away from the basement walls and have positive drainage away from the building.
- A backup battery is important. With storms knocking out power, you want to make sure your pump continues to work until the power returns.
- Sump pumps should be tested at least once a year, preferably in the early spring, prior to the "wet season."
- Test the system if a storm is approaching, and make sure the sump pit does not contain any debris that will clog the sump's inlet pipe.
- Ensure the outlet pipe is clear and the water flows freely to the designated area.
- If you have an outlet hose running away from the house and it has a history of freezing, make sure you disconnect that hose in early winter. Otherwise, it can burn your pump out!
- If the sump does not operate properly, check the power source for the pump.
- If you cannot determine the problem yourself, contact a professional to diagnose the problem.



MARYLAND TREE LAW

In Maryland, a property owner may utilize "self-help" to trim back at the property line any tree branches or roots encroaching from an adjoining property. This includes trimming overhanging branches located above the ground that break the imaginary plane located along the property line. The exception is that any trimming of encroaching branches or roots must not be so severe as to threaten the health of the adjoining property owner's tree or other vegetation. If a tree straddles the property line, it is considered jointly owned by both neighbors and both must agree to any removal or pruning of the boundary line tree, unless the tree immediately presents an unsafe condition. Another exception to the self-help remedy exists with regard to roadside trees. Any person who desires to cut down or trim any roadside tree must apply to either the Maryland Department of Natural Resources or the local government (county or municipality) for a permit.



Nonetheless, permits are not required to trim a tree that is uprooted or has branches broken so as to endanger persons or property unless local ordinances state otherwise. Roadside trees are typically located within the unimproved portion of the public right-of-way. However, one should check with the Town and/or a recorded plot to determine the exact location of the property lines. When dealing with dead trees, the owner on whose property the dead tree stands may have a duty to prevent injury to neighbors or passersby where the tree poses a danger. The owner of an urban tree, such as in Forest Heights, typically has a higher legal duty to use reasonable care to protect the safety of others. If an urban property owner had notice or was otherwise made aware of a dangerous tree condition, he or she would be held responsible for any damages or injuries to unsuspecting persons or property caused by fallen dead branches. If the fallen tree or branch occurs without prior notice or occurs to a healthy tree, it is often referred to as an "Act of God" and the owner is typically not considered to be liable.

WORK PERMIT

Permits: To help ensure that new structures are safe and do not violate building restrictions, a Town permit is required for any new construction, improvements, or demolition to your property. As a general rule, permits are not required for repairs that are non-structural in nature, Town permits are available from the Town Code Enforcement office. The average cost for permits is \$50.00 To find out if a Town permit is needed, call 301-839-4040, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. If a permit is required from the County, it must be obtained first, and a copy submitted with your application for a Town permit.



FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Town of Forest Heights has one location available for community gardening at 135 North Huron Dr. The gardens have plots available for individuals, families, and community groups, which are ideal for those residents who lack their own garden space.

Applications to register available as of March 26, 2022, by visiting www.forestheightsmd.gov.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Town of Forest Heights has 4 Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations. There are 4 ports located at the Town Hall parking lot, and 2 more fast charger ports near Henry's at the Community gathering spot. They are open to the public and available for use 24/7. These stations were installed and maintained at no cost to the Town in a partnership with Pepco, as a way to promote and offer greater opportunities to use clean energy. Call Public Works at 301-839-1030 if you have any additional questions or concerns. We are doing our part to make Forest Heights a more clean, green, and sustainable community.



Community News *(continues)*



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS



Free Dumpster

SPRING *Cleanup*

April 11, 2022 - April 16, 2022
8:30AM-4:30PM

TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY, MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

@ForestHeightsMD

CALVIN WASHINGTON, MAYOR



Town of Forest Heights

COMMUNITY *Cleanup Day*

Saturday
April 16, 2022
9AM-12PM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This is an opportunity for students to earn community service hours.
For questions about volunteering, please email: APayne@ForestHeightsMD.gov

COMMUNITY *Shredding*

Saturday
April 16, 2022
9AM-12PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

@ForestHeightsMD

CALVIN WASHINGTON, MAYOR

A reminder to Forest Heights residents: If your garbage or recycling is placed outside of your containers, you will be fined. Your mattress and box spring must also be covered for bulk trash.


Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.


**MONDAY—Trash,
Yard Waste & Recycling**

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles **NOT** to exceed 4 feet in length.

Community News *(continues)*



**FOREST HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**Diaper
Wipes
&
DRIVE**

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!
DONATE TO
HELP THOSE
IN NEED!




COLLECTION DATES
MARCH 1ST-31ST
9AM-5PM

**FOREST HEIGHTS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**
5508 Arapahoe Drive
Forest Heights, MD 20745

FOR THOSE IN NEED, SIGN UP WILL BE IN THE TOWN HALL LOBBY

Officer Adams
✉ ZAdams@ForestHeightsMD.gov
☎ (301) 839-4040

**ANTHONY N. REASE,
CHIEF OF POLICE**

  
@ForestHeightsPD

Let's Talk 2022

Contact the Town Hall at 301-839-1030 if you want to continue receiving a print copy of the newsletter and be added to the electronic information list. Beginning **May 1, 2022**, we will only send the printed newsletter to residents who have registered their address.




**BE THE FIRST
TO KNOW
WITH**

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS AND
FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
MOBILE TEXT ALERTS!**



Sign up to join the Town of Forest Heights text alerts



Text: TFHNews 74121
☎ 877-761-7897
@ForestHeightsMD

Calvin Washington, Mayor




Sign up to join the Forest Heights Police Department text alerts



Text: FHPDNews 74121
☎ 877-761-7897
@ForestHeightsPD

Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police

www.Mobile-Text-Alerts.com/ForestHeights



Exercise Group

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 noon, the Forest Heights Senior Exercise Class meets in the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive. Forest Heights residents may participate for free, and it's a fantastic way to remain in shape. If you want to keep connected and active, come by!

Employment Opportunities



PUBLIC WORKS CREWMAN II (FT)
HEALTHY HEIGHTS COORDINATOR (PT)
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (PT)
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ASSISTANT (FT)

Visit www.forestheightsmd.gov and click the employment link to view current job openings!

**This summer, join us for Saturday morning bike rides starting at
Town Hall, 5508 Arapahoe Drive.**

Call to say "YES, I'M IN!" (301) 839-1030.



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Community News *(continues)*

Weatherization Assistance Available: **FREE HOME UPGRADES**

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy-efficient. The new and updated applications are here! Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or emailed on request. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, call 301-839-1030. Anyone who meets the income requirements is welcome to apply. Come check it out today!

# of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	# of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1	\$57,750.00	2	\$66,000.00
3	\$74,200.00	4	\$82,500.00
5	\$89,100.00	6	\$95,700.00
7	\$102,300.00	8	\$108,900.00



THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FREE

FOR THE COMMUNITY

Forest Heights Municipal

5508 Arapahoe Drive

Forest Heights, MD 20745

**Beginning in April, every
3rd Friday at 8:00 p.m.
WALK UP ONLY**



**NO PARKING
AT THE
TOWN HALL
WILL BE
PERMITTED**

**Lawn chairs
are encouraged**



KIDS TO PLAY DAY

**KIDS to PLAY Day is
Saturday, May 21ST
12 noon - 3 pm**

**Bell Acres Park
197 North Huron Drive
Forest Heights, MD 20745
(Games, Snacks, Outdoor Fun,
and a Moon Bounce)**

**FREE
ADMISSION**






Community Calendar

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	2	3 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	4	5
6	7 MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 860 083 16885	8 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	9 Town Elections 11 AM-8 PM Town Hall	10 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	11	12
13 Daylight Saving 	14 Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	15 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	16 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING & COUNCIL SWEAR-IN 8pm via ZOOM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563 484 463	17 St. Patrick's Day Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM 	18	19
20 1st Day of Spring 	21 Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	22 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	23	24 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	25	26
27	28 Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	29	30	31 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM		

April 2022

4/11 - 4/16 FREE DUMPING WEEK - RESIDENTS ONLY- NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
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10	11 Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	12 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	13	14 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	15	16  Forest Heights Volunteer Clean Up & Shredding 9:00AM - 12:00PM
17 Easter 	18 Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	19 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	20 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm via ZOOM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563 484 463	21 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	22 Earth Day 	23
24	25 Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	26 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	27	28 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	29	30

Community News (*continues*)

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

- The first day of April is April Fools Day, when children and grown-ups play jokes on one another.
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 2 is Light It Up Blue for Autism Day and the whole month is Autism Awareness Month.

TAX SEASON IS HERE

The deadline to submit your tax return is April 15, 2022, but you should start preparing for it now. There is no guarantee that the IRS will extend the deadline due to COVID-19. Please be sure to put Forest Heights as your address, and use the Town of Forest Heights Tax Code (1728) instead of Prince George's County. By putting Forest Heights on your tax code and driver's license you are ensuring that the tax revenue gets directed to the Town and the 4 schools within the municipality.



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PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste, paper bags should not be out all weekend especially if it's going to rain.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles

NOT to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less) NO METAL ITEMS ALLOWED.



A reminder to Forest Heights residents: If your garbage or recycling is placed outside of your containers, you will be fined. Your mattress must also be covered for bulk trash.

NEED A TRASH CAN?

Residents who require a replacement garbage can due to damage to their current can should contact the Town Administration Office or come to the Municipal Building.

If you have any issues or need your can replaced, call 301-839-1030.

Calvin Washington, Mayor

cwashington@forestheightsmd.gov

Town Council/Administration

(301) 839-1030

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Paula Noble

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Jasmynn Payne, Administrative Assistant

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Leittia Vaughn, Town Treasurer

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Senora Thompson Scott, Police Clerk

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Lisa White, Director of Communications

TFH_Media@forestheightsmd.gov

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

CodeEnforcement@forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

NOTARY SERVICES-by appointment only

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.